

# SOUTHERN USA

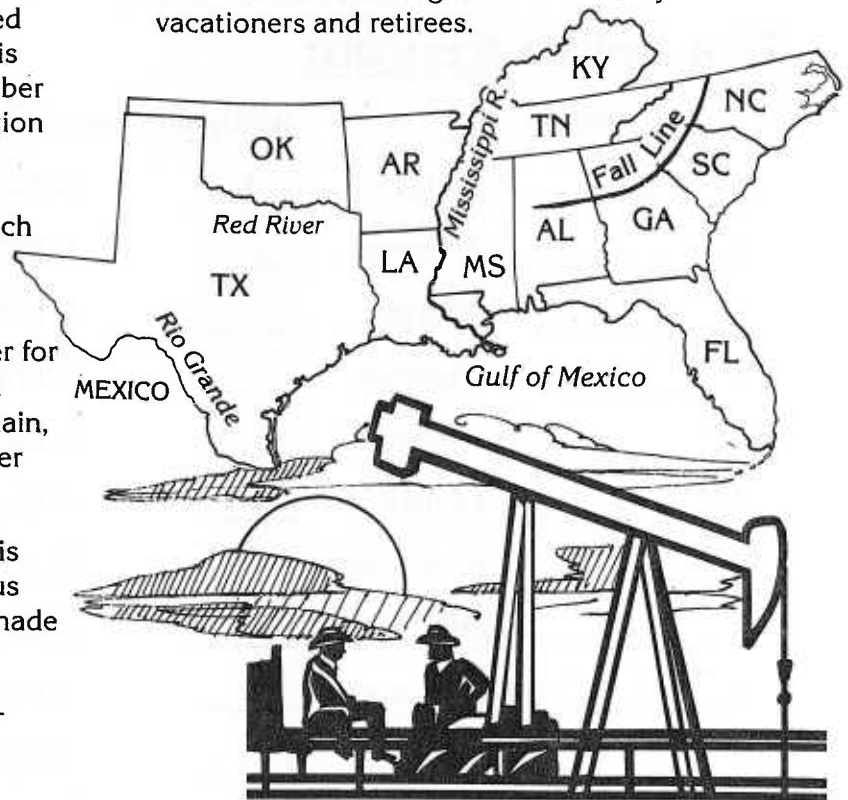
This region of the country known as Southern USA is composed of twelve states all located on important waterways. It is a region that is growing in both population and in the number of new businesses and industries. It is a region with a humid sub-tropical climate, a long growing season, fertile soil, and many navigable rivers, the most important of which is the Mississippi.

The dams built by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) provide hydroelectric power for factories and homes. The Fall Line, located between the Appalachians and the coastal plain, also supplies a source of hydroelectric power for the industrial cities in the region.

Some of the many products produced in this region are cotton, tobacco, sugarcane, citrus fruits, peanuts, wood, and paper products made from the forests of the area.

The region is also wealthy in energy fuels—petroleum, natural gas, coal, and wood.

The climate of the region attracts many vacationers and retirees.



Study the map and write True or False before each statement.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Red River is the natural boundary separating Oklahoma and Texas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Mississippi River ends in the state of Mississippi, flowing then into the Gulf of Mexico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The state of Florida is a peninsula.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Rio Grande separates Texas and Mexico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Five states of this region have a border on the Mississippi River.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Fall Line affects cities west of the Appalachians.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Six states border the Gulf of Mexico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Florida is southeast of Arkansas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Texas is the largest southern state.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Texas and Oklahoma border a foreign country.

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. List the twelve states of the Southern Region.
2. In 1914, a 57 mile canal was built to connect Houston, Texas, to the Gulf of Mexico. Explain how this could contribute to the economy of Texas.
3. Bauxite, aluminum ore, is mined in Arkansas. Name at least three products found in your home made from bauxite.
4. Why is the population of the south growing? Explain.

